Subject: John Brown token

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March 17, 1932

Mr. Sydney P. Noe, Secretary
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I enclose a photograph of a John Brown token in my collection, which I am trying to trace to its source of issue. It has occurred that perhaps you have some record of it in your collection and library. Any information you are in position to give will be very helpful.

For several years I have given much attention to building up a collection of John Browniana, chiefly books, letters and manuscript material, but have not overlooked prints and the medalic tokens. I have found but two tokens.

One, the French--or Victor Hugo--medal is well known and has been often described in newspapers and numismatic journals. The second is the original of the enclosed photograph, of which I have four pieces representing three issues. A bronze, much worn, is believed to be of the original issue; a brass and two in white metal are evidently restrikes of recent mintage. The first mention found of this token is in the Eldridge Sale catalog, 1911, a collection of Civil War relics and mementoes.

The photo need not be returned; if deemed of sufficient interest it may be added to your collection.

Very truly yours

Boyd B. Stutler

Ans by J. Wrnden

March 23, 1932.

Mr. Boyd B. Stutler
Box 1412
Charleston, West Virginia.

Dear Sir:

Although we have specimens of the John Brown medal in silver, brass and white metal I do not know nor have I been able to find out who issued these or the reason for so doing. They probably were issued not later than the 70's and the workmanship reminds me that they must have been made by one of the Lovetts. You might write to Mr. Henry Chapman, 333 South 16th Street, Philadelphia, Penna.; he possibly would know. We are also familiar with the French medal made by Wurden of which Victor Hugo apparently was the head of the Committee that had this made and of which a gold copy was forwarded to Mrs. Brown.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator